

during great calamities the natural equanimity of the human soul." When a destructive flagration is sweeping along a city, there are distinctions, no animosities among the wretched sufferers whom the same terror pursues. Everyone forget their hatred, and partisans their party. The rich and poor cry out together. All love each other. Misfortune has broken down separating barriers of pride and prejudice, and find each other good and equal."

Rowland Hill used to say, "When prayer is general, at which shall be assented, Lutherans and Calvinists, Episcopals and Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists, Methodists and Friends, Satan will run away and hide himself in the bottomless pit, and the Lord will shut him there during the millennium."

For Zion's Herald and Wesleyan Journal.

LETTER FROM CHICOPEE FALLS.

Dear Mr. Stevens:—As many have sympathized with this society in their troubles, and contributed to relieve them from pecuniary embarrassments, it may not be uninteresting to them for me to say a word with regard to their present condition. Two years have nearly passed since I came among this people to witness one of the most painful scenes of secession, distraction and fanaticism, which I have ever been my lot to see; and such a one I devoutly hope I may never encounter again. I will not burden you with a detail of the course pursued by those who have sought our destruction. I pray God to forgive their many hard sayings and wrong doings. Notwithstanding all their efforts we still live. Yes, thank the good Lord, this church still lives and is pressing on in happiness and usefulness. And with a more peaceful, united, thoroughly Methodist band, I have never labored. May the Lord increase them a hundred fold!

The condition of their finances has been greatly improved. They have been able, besides giving me a comfortable support, to cancel a large amount of incidental expenses, thrown upon them by the recklessness of Millerism, to bring up the arrears of interest, meet all their current expenses, and reduce their main debt from \$2,500 to \$1,450. The debt laid upon them is larger than it ought to be. Still they are determined to meet it, and I do not in due time will cancel it. To aid them in this meeting their claims I have obtained for them from abroad nearly \$1,000. And let me assure those who have contributed to relieve them that they have done a noble charity, and one for which they will long receive the gratitude of the relieved. May the blessings promised to those who give be upon them.

I shall return 110 members, a decrease from last year of 20. In regard to this fact I would say that nearly all of the year I have been able to labor I have been absent, collecting money for them. They have therefore received but little pastoral labor, and have supplied their pulpits as they have been able. I would mention as a remarkable fact that during the two years past we have not had an expulsion, trial, or church difficulty, and what is quite as remarkable in New England, our singing choir have been united and peaceful. With the community generally we have lived on the most amicable and friendly terms. The churches of this peaceful village have sympathized with us in word and deed, and it is with no common sacrifice of feeling that I leave a people who have stood by me and sustained me in the midst of uncommon trials and difficulties.

I would especially acknowledge in behalf of myself and family two donation visits from the members and friends of the Congregational and Baptist Churches, uniting with my own beloved society, at which we receive \$150. May they have an abundant reward from our Father in heaven.

There is much anxiety about their next preacher. But they are Methodists, and therefore instead of besetting the Bishop for a particular man they are humbly praying to that God who has been their help thus far, not only to send them a man after his own heart, but also to come with him and work through him, in the salvation of souls. Lord, hear their prayers!

Chicopee Falls, June 24, 1845.

THE BRITISH WEST INDIES.

The late intelligence from these colonies is cheering. In Grenada, the St. George's Sabbath of March 22 states that on the previous Sabbath, six refugee slaves were picked up at sea in an open boat, and were then in that port, free men.

In Barbice, the sugar crop for 1844 was larger than that of the preceding year; some of the estates numbering from 700 to 800 hogsheads.

Of the colonies generally the London Times says: "From the very favorable season, as well as from the improving cultivation, a larger crop of sugar will be produced in the West Indies than has been obtained for many years. Jamaica, it is said, will make 50,000 hogsheads, Demerara 45,000, and the other islands one third to a half more than usual."

In Antigua, where immediate and unconditional emancipation was adopted in 1834, instead of the apprenticeship, the Antigua Herald says:—"We have no hesitation in declaring our belief that at this present moment Antigua is foremost in the field, and that she is now making greater efforts to economize labor, to substitute implements for manual force, and thus to secure her success, than any other colony in this archipelago. It is certain that she has produced this year, with decidedly less than 10,000 acres of land, a crop nearly equal to that of Barbados, with more than 30,000. We speak of available hands, actually brought into estate operations."

EMANCIPATION IN JAMAICA.—We find the following in a late number of the British and Foreign A. S. Reporter. It is an extract of a letter from Rev. Josiah Tinsin to Joseph Sturge, dated 10th March, 1845. "You refer to discouraging accounts received from certain quarters as to the moral conduct of the emancipated, and ask my opinion. Jamaica is not yet an Elysium, or, if that be too heathenish a word, a Paradise. But, if it be not Paradise, it is not Pandemonium. With respect to the grand experiment in this island, as far as my observation and experience have gone, I should say the experiment has been decidedly successful. My sober and settled conviction is that, all things considered, the result is quite equal to what we ought to have expected. We have had years of severe drought, unprecedented in the history of the country. This tried the planters and tried every body. It necessarily abridged employment to a very great extent; for the managers of estates, where they had the power, were unwilling to bestow labor on the properties with so little prospect of any return. Where there were means for working estates, and that vicious adherence to old prejudices, still far too prevalent, does not interfere, there can be little doubt of excellent returns. Perhaps you hear that the people refuse to work, and sometimes leave estates in the midst of crop. These statements, when taken in connection with the fact, if not sufficient to justify my very much lessened, if not altogether removed, of the supposed criminality of such conduct. With very few exceptions, the managers take every advantage they possibly can of the laborers, not only to reduce their wages, but to harass them by not paying their wages when earned. I have seen complaints of this kind daily. Not a few of our congregation say they have been owed wages ever since last January. Some have had none for four or five months. I know one case this year in which all, or nearly all, the people left the estate in the midst of crop. It happened thus:—It was pimento time; pickers were needed, and able hands, accustomed to the work, could earn 2s. 6d. or 3s. sterling a day—sometimes perhaps more, when the pimento was abundant. They were getting only 1s. 6d. a day at the highest on the sugar estate, and they left to go and gather pimento. This was trying to the planters; but it was only doing what the planters do by themselves—making the most of their opportunity. But then I ought to mention, that on a neighboring estate, where the people were getting the same wages as 1s. 6d. a day, and could have left, they all remained. And why? On the latter the managers were only civil to the laborers, but sought to give them employment, as far as possible, out of crop; and therefore the people said they would not leave him. In the former case the overseer cared nothing about the interests of the laborers, and only employed them as necessity or caprice might dictate, and they acted on the same principle. I do not mean to say that the people are never wrong—far from it; but I do mean to say, that on a serious review of the whole matter, the wonder is that we are doing so well, rather than that we are not doing better."

LET NO HEATHEN READ THIS!

During the year 1844, the nations distinguished by the name of Christian, expended more in preparing to cut each other's throats, than has been appropriated to the preaching of the gospel to the pagan world since Jesus Christ expired on the cross! How well have they obeyed the last injunction of the Savior, as binding on them as any of his professed disciples, "Go ye out into the world and preach the gospel to every creature!"

HERALD AND JOURNAL.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1845.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Lowell, June 25th, 1845.

Nearly all the members of the New England Conference were present at the opening of the session, to unite in the solemn devotional exercises, conducted in strikingly appropriate manner by our venerable Father Pickering. C. Adams chosen Secretary—L. Boyden, Assistant Secretary. Bishop Waugh then rose and remarked in substance, with emotion which he vainly attempted to suppress—it would be impossible were I to endeavor to announce the deep feeling of my wounded heart, while I allude to you, that God has blessed me, and a beloved daughter. Those who have thus been afflicted, and no others, can duly appreciate my feelings. When I left my respected Br. Peirce's residence, in Lynn, yesterday morning, I was in more than usual health of body and blithe in spirits. On arriving in Lowell, I found the letter containing the sad intelligence, with one previously written informing me of her sickness. Not receiving this letter before, deprived me of the privilege of consoling her dying moments and sympathizing, at that time, with my bereaved partner. Four years ago, my daughter presented herself at the altar in Baltimore, at a time when no invitations were extended, repented, sought and obtained pardoning grace. I can have no doubt of her safety. My poor heart has been deeply stricken, and I sincerely request my brethren to remember me, not only in public, but in their private addresses to the throne of grace.

It was with much effort that the Bishop so controlled his feelings, as to be able to make the above communication, amidst the sympathizing tears of his brethren. The Conference again united in prayer for our beloved Superintendent and his afflicted family. The Conference then passed, by a rising vote, the following resolution:

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our beloved Superintendent and his companion in their affliction, in the death of a beloved daughter, and earnestly request for them and their surviving children, the prayers of the whole church, that this affliction may be sanctified to their good.

The following are the Conference Committees:

Stewards.—Joseph Whitman, M. Dwight, W. Gordon.

Memoirs.—James Mudge, J. Sanborn, D. K. Banister.

Education Society.—D. S. King, Z. A. Mudge, G. Pickering, D. Kilburn, Z. B. C. Dunham.

Preachers' Aid Society.—J. Hascall, S. Remington, J. Shepard.

Bible Cause.—J. W. Dennison, T. H. Mudge, W. Ward.

Sabbath School Cause.—B. K. Peirce, N. S. Spalding, L. Marcy.

Education.—C. K. True, C. Adams, P. Crandall, L. R. Thayer, J. W. Merrill, I. A. Savage, W. R. Bagall.

Missions.—T. C. Peirce, J. Porter, A. D. Sargeant, J. Caldwell, C. W. Ainsworth.

Slavery.—J. A. Merrill, M. Trafton, W. H. Hatch, M. Staples, G. W. Green, A. Walton.

Post Office.—J. S. Gridley, H. Moulton.

Minutes.—S. Cushing, Willard Smith, D. L. Winslow.

Benevolent Societies.—George Landon, G. W. Bates, F. Nutting.

Temperance.—J. W. Lewis, T. W. Tucker, W. Rice, J. W. Darnham, H. Moulton.

Parsonages.—W. R. Stone, T. G. Brown, J. S. Springer.

Tract Distribution.—B. F. Lambord, D. Richards.

Biblical Institute.—S. Remington, A. Binney, G. Landon, D. S. King, J. W. Merrill, L. R. Thayer.

Peace.—J. B. Husted, E. W. Jackson, J. Steele, T. W. Gile, D. K. Merrill.

The following are the *Superannuated Preachers*: Thomas Marcy, E. F. Newell, Erasmus Otis, John Parker, Charles Virgin, Robert D. Easterbrook, E. Willard, Rufus Spalding, Ephraim Kibby.

The following are the *Superannuated Preachers*: J. Ireson, D. S. King.

The brethren remaining on trial are—

L. Crowell, J. J. P. Collier, C. L. Eastman, J. T. Petree, R. S. Rust, N. E. Cobleigh, I. H. Twombly, R. P. Buffington, W. Bardwell, S. Tupper, W. R. Clark, H. Clark, W. A. Brannan, D. E. Chapin.

The *Deacons* are—

D. Richards, D. K. Merrill, B. K. Peirce, H. P. Hall, A. Cook, J. Darnham, J. B. Bigelow, G. W. Frost.

The following brethren were elected to elders' orders:—

George Landon, I. A. Savage, C. W. Ainsworth, L. R. Thayer, W. Rice.

The remainder of the first day's session was spent in examination of character.

There was preaching in the afternoon and evening, and a good attendance on the part of the citizens.

The tranquility spirit that pervades the Conference is peculiarly observable, mingled with an evident tinge of melancholy, induced doubtless by their sympathy with our afflicted presiding officer.

THURSDAY, June 26.—The following candidates for admission into full membership were presented to the Bishop for the usual examination. M. J. Merrill, T. H. Mudge, Wm. R. Bagall, J. M. Merrill, Joseph W. Dennison, Wm. B. Olds, Philander Wallingford, H. E. Hempstead, J. S. Day, David Sherman, K. Atkinson, E. A. Manning, Simon Putnam. The Superintendent entered into a solemn and somewhat detailed explanation of the responsibility they were assuming. We can only present an occasional thought. They ought not, he remarked, to remain in the Church or Conference when they could no longer fulfill its requirements. There was the same door out of the Conference as in, and they should retire peaceably and honorably, and not use the place the church had given them to tear and divide it. They were about to assume new responsibilities. It had been thought by very judicious men that the length of the trial should extend to four years. Probably it would be so altered at the next General Conference, and would have been at the last but for the press of business. He charged them solemnly not to neglect the instruction of the children, to bear in mind their obligations as pastors, not to spare the rich, but to be impartial, and to remember the great truth, that the work of God must be done.

As is not very uncommon, some member asked the candidates if they used tobacco in any form, and they all replied in the negative. Bishop James having arrived, Bishop Waugh took an affectionate leave of the Conference to visit his afflicted family. The following resolution was passed in reference to his departure.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the departure of the Bishop from the Conference to visit his family in their present afflicted circumstances, while at the same time we regret with him at this stage of our session with deep regret, and request that in the alteration of the plan of Episcopal visitation he will return to preside over this Conference at as early a period as can be convenient.

The following committee were appointed on pastoral duties. J. Sanborn, Wm. Gordon, James Mudge, E. Kibby, J. Caldwell.

The following are the officers of the N. E. Conference Missionary Society for the ensuing year.

Rev. Bishop James, President.

T. C. Peirce, A. D. Sargeant, Vice Presidents.

B. K. Peirce, Secretary.

Amos Bliss, Treasurer.

D. S. King, James Mudge, Joseph Whitman, Managers.

Mosely Dwight, Horace Moulton.

A short session was held in the afternoon to receive the money for the various benevolent enterprises of the Conference. Father Pickering in the chair. St. Paul's Church was crowded this evening by an attentive, and we are sure an interested audience, whether Methodist Episcopal or not, to hear a lecture from the editor of the Herald on the economy of Episcopal Methodism. The lecturer presented the subject in the following order. The object to be obtained by our economy—an itinerant ministry, and through it, under God the salvation of the greatest number of souls—The power to move this itinerancy—not a local, interested, partially informed committee, but a permanent, itinerant, disinterested one, as was our P. Elders with the bishop at their head. The checks over the appointing power on the one hand and the ministers appointed on the other—over the bishops and ministers on the one hand and the people on the other. We shall mark the beauty and conclusiveness of this lecture if we attempt any further sketch, if we have not done so already. A wish was expressed by more than one that the lecturer would write out fully his arguments for the subject for our Book Concern, to be placed among our permanent works. We hope he will take the hint.

FRIDAY, June 27.—Soon after the opening of the Conference, President Dempster, of the Newbury Biblical Institute, addressed the Conference. He disclaimed any personal emolument or pecuniary advantage from his connection with the institution; on the contrary its success would be a loss to him of \$5,000. He arose to plead a new project which had started immediately into existence. It has been discussed, its controverted points settled in most minds. New England, he contended, was the place for such an institution. The South are too far from the focus of light on the subject. The West were too near the borders of civilization to be expected to engage in the Scriptures. The indications of Providence are in its favor. Wesley fixed his eyes immovably on this. Br. Dempster spoke with much eloquence and feeling and riveted the attention of the Conference. Br. Stevens followed in his characteristically fervent and eloquent manner. He urged that the present was the time to act—first because there is \$17,000 depending upon our adopting now a prospective plan; secondly, if we do not act now the project will go down, and the fact that it has failed will be the greatest obstacle to its future establishment.

Dr. Olin followed, avowing most heartily and feelingly his concurrence with the sentiments advanced in favor of a theological institution. He reminded the Conference however of the unsettled state of the claims of the Wesleyan University, and of its pledges to the University, and voted to request the bishop to appoint an agent the ensuing year. Br. Reuben Kankaskand received a superannuated relation. Br. R. appeared before the Conference feeble in health and bade them an affectionate adieu in reference to taking up his future residence in the West. His case gave occasion to an eloquent speech from Father Taylor. We cannot report the speech, but are sure, if the readers of the Herald had been present, they would have wept with the Conference over the affecting situation of our fathers who are dying—ye blush and grieve for the church to say it—dying in object poverty! And this is the prospect before the young preachers.

If they give way to temptation, sin against their conscience and the church in seeking other employments, are the church not in some measure responsible? The preachers, doing efficient labor, pay yearly to the Preachers' Aid Society one dollar. They have been also closely examined, this morning, concerning their attention to this collection, whether it was taken and how much. Let it be understood, it has become disreputable for a preacher not to attend to this business and for a society not to raise money according to their ability for this object. The following brethren were elected to local deacons' orders. Benjamin H. Barnes, Chelsea; Spencer Tilton, Pelham.

Afternoon Session.—Samuel A. Cushing and Joel Stearns were placed on the superannuated list.

The Conference were authorized to draw upon the Book Concern for \$800, and on the Chartered Fund for \$40. No other business was transacted of general interest.

The Conference Missionary Society held its annual meeting this evening. Bishop James and Dr. Pitman addressed the meeting. The amount raised was \$625—the most of it collected. It must be remembered that the preachers, in most cases, lead off the missionary subscriptions in their own charges, and are supposed in most cases to pay all they can spare from their limited salaries. The Worcester Street Church has made its missionary payments during the year to a considerable extent. The above sum, in view of these considerations, must be considered noble.

SATURDAY, June 28.

Brother Kidder, editor of the Sabbath School Advocate, addressed the Conference on the Sabbath School Cause, especially in reference to the Methodist Sabbath School Union. He stated that this Society had been in existence three years, and had received less than one thousand dollars, while the American S. S. Union has received the past year twenty-five thousand dollars. He rejoiced in that, and would that it were more; but it ought to make us feel reproved. He pleaded the interests of the Sabbath School Advocate; was happy to say it had succeeded nobly, and was now paying something toward the support of the old preachers—wanted 100,000 subscribers.

Dr. Bond, editor of Christian Advocate and Journal, was introduced, and invited to act with the Conference.

The following brethren were received on trial:—John Paulson, Spencer Tilton, George Dunbar, John Ricketts, Henry M. Bridge, Pliny Wood.

The Conference are engaged in receiving reports from Committees; these reports will, in part, at least, be published in Zion's Herald.

A Sabbath at Conference is one always of peculiar interest. The large number of preachers present, the distinguished talents that are displayed, the large course which convene, and last, but not least important, the solemn ordination service—all are calculated to make a deep impression, we trust, for the glory of God. Early in the forenoon, there was a prayer meeting in the Worthen St. church, and the administration of the Lord's supper. A large number of preachers gathered first around their Lord's table, as Bishop James remarked, to show the people their confidence in the Savior they preach. The fathers in the ministry who have fought many battles by side and won many a victory in the name of the Lord, now that they have retired from the van of the contending host, come to same time we part with him at this stage of our session with deep regret, and request that in the alteration of the plan of Episcopal visitation he will return to preside over this Conference at as early a period as can be convenient.

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hasten to pay it by providing amply for their declining years. While we linger in the discharge of our duty, they pass away! But I have wandered from my subject.

Bishop James preached to a crowded audience from Eph. iii. 8. Topics—1. Unsearchable riches of Christ. 2. Christ was and is rich in the perfections of his character. 3. Rich in the attributes of a Savior. He has ability to renovate our nature—overcome our enemies—to sustain us in holiness—and he has, by his ascension, procured for us the Holy Ghost. He is a high priest—he has resources of bliss—he is rich in glory.

II. The favor of those who are called to preach the riches of Christ. They are associated with all the means which he has provided—connected with Christ. 1. It gives the favor of doing good. 2. Gives the rewards of eternity.

Remark.—To preach Christ we must know Christ.

Then came the ordination service—that inimitable, impressive service. We never hear the words, "Take thou power and authority," uttered in the subdued and simple manner in which our Bishops are wont to utter them, without a thrill of holy emotion.—The fearful responsibility implied, the searching prayer, and the breathless silence of the listening hundreds, combine to make an occasion which angels might witness with reverence and awe.

In the afternoon, Pres. Dempster preached in St. Paul's, and Bishop James ordained the elders. At half past 5 o'clock, the children of the two Sabbath schools were addressed at St. Paul's; if the readers are interested to see a detailed account of it, they will refer to the S. S. Messenger. Br. E. T. Taylor and Father Pickering preached in the evening; and thus closed a day of great privileges, and we trust of much profit. We might have added that a number of the pulpits of three or four denominations, besides our own, were occupied by the preachers of the Conference.

Z. A. MUDGE.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

By request I furnish you the following report of the doings of the Vermont Annual Conference.

The Vermont Annual Conference convened for their first session in the Union Chapel, Rochester, Vt., June 18, A. D. 1845.

Bishop James opened the Conference by reading the Scriptures, singing and joining in prayer with Br. R. Hoyt, of the N. Hampshire Conference, and Br. Clarke, of the Troy Conference.

Br. J. H. Patterson was chosen Secretary, and Br. J. C. Aspinwall Assistant Secretary.

The following committees were then raised:—Committee on Public Worship.—J. Currier and Z. Twitchell.

Committee on Periodicals.—R. Bedford.

Committee on Education.—C. T. Hinman, L. Hill, E. J. Scott.

Committee on Temperance.—J. Clarke, B. Burnham and P. Frost.

Committee on Sabbath Schools.—C. N. Smith, M. Spencer, W. M. Mann.

Committee on Slavery.—D. Field, J. H. Stevens and C. W. Levings.

Committee on Missions.—A. G. Button, D. Wilcox, H. P. Cushing, N. W. Scott, E. Gale.

Committee on Finance.—S. Chamberlin, W. J. Kidder, I. D. Rust, O. M. Legate, P. Mason.

Committee on the Bible Cause.—R. Bedford, H. Johnson and J. S. Smith.

Committee on the Biblical Institute.—J. Currier, E. J. Scott, J. Clarke, S. P. Williams, A. G. Button, S. Chamberlin, J. H. Patterson.

Committee on the Tract Cause.—A. C. Smith, H. J. Woolley, D. Packer.

Committee on Furnishing Parsonages.—P. N. Granger, W. Blake, J. Hayes, L. Austin, J. W. Perkins.

Committee on the Society of the Sabbath.—E. Jordan, W. Hemenway, G. B. Houston.

Committee on Publishing Minutes.—E. J. Scott.

Took up the question, Who remain on trial?

J. S. Spiney, Jr. Carter, Wm. Rankin, (subsequently), P. Ray, O. S. Morris.

The Bishop introduced Br. Dempster, of the N. H. Conference, and Brs. Clarke and White, of the Troy Conference.

The following brethren were received into full connection, and elected to deacon's orders; after which they were called to the altar, and examined, according to the form of Discipline, by the Bishop:—A. Hitchcock, I. Smith, D. Willis, E. Robinson, A. Carter, F. Q. Barrows.

THURSDAY, June 19.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, Bishop James in the chair. Religious services conducted by Br. J. Perkins, of New Hampshire Conference. The most of the session was occupied with the concerns of the Biblical Institute, and of the Newbury Seminary. On the Institute the Rev. Dr. Dempster made a most appropriate and effective speech. When he spoke of the double labor of training the mind and pastoral duties which is thrown upon our ministers who enter their work without due training; and of the fatal consequences of thus unreasonably taxing the minister's powers, it was evident the speaker had touched a part of his subject which roused all the sensibilities of his soul—a chord which vibrated in every heart. Too long have we, as a church, slumbered over this vastly important part of the work God has charged us to perform; but we rejoice that a brighter day, in this respect, is dawning upon us.

In the afternoon was held the Conference Sabbath School Anniversary. The speakers were N. S. Carter, of the N. H. Conference, and D. P. Kidder, editor of the Sunday School Advocate. The occasion was one of great interest. It will be seen by the report that the interest of the Sunday school is increasing in this section of our work.

FRIDAY, June 20.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, Bishop James in the chair. Religious services by Eleazer Wells. Father Wells is in the providence of God still among us. Indeed, it is worth a journey to Conference to hear the veteran father put up his petition for the prosperity of the cause of God. But it is evident he cannot long remain to encourage us by his presence. His spirit seems already to mount up on wings, and will soon be cut loose from earth.

Conference voted to report the time in which the several collections offered for the Conference shall be made.

J. G. Dow, S. P. Williams, Z. Twitchell, D. Field, P. Mason, J. Currier and A. K. Howard, were appointed Conference Trustees. Other miscellaneous matter took up the session.

The Missionary Anniversary was held in the afternoon. Speakers were Dr. Dempster and Bishop James. I have not the means of knowing the exact amount of missionary money raised in the Conference during the year. The anniversary was one of deep interest.—The celebrity of these speakers renders it altogether unnecessary for me to heap upon them any encomium.

SATURDAY, June 21.

Bishop James in the chair. Took up the 8th question in the Minutes, Who are the superannuated preachers? Of those who were on the list last year, Br. J. C. Aspinwall was made effective, and the following brethren were added to the list, viz. E. J. Scott, A. J. Copeland and A. T. Gibson. Commenced the examination of effective elders. You will see from this remark that the order of business has been reversed, the examination of character generally having been attended to early in the session of Conference.

Afternoon session. Continued the examination of character. There has been, during the Conference, very little disposition manifested to arrest the character of brethren, unless duty demands it. This is as it should be; we hope the members of the Vermont Conference will never fall into the reprehensible practice of arresting a brother's character in open Conference for every little offence, which might be adjusted by five minutes Christian conversation.

The general state of the work, as represented by the presiding elders, is prosperous; true, the past has not been a year of revivals, but it does not follow from this that the work of God has not been advancing—Nay, God has not yet departed from his church; her living Head is above, and His quickening spirit is still with her. It has been a searching time—yes, the church has been tried by fire, and that too, we believe, to the praise of God. The ministry and membership are generally harmoniously united to carry forward their one work, to scatter holiness over these lands. May God touch our lips at this Conference with a burning coal from the altar of heaven.

Rochester, June 21. O. M. LEGATE.

APPOINTMENTS OF VERMONT CONFERENCE.

MONTPELIER DISTRICT.—John G. Dow, P. E.

Montpelier.—A. G. Button.

Barre.—Alonzo Webster.

Berlin.—J. W. Perkins.

Chelsea.—Z. Twitchell.

Washington Mission.—To be supplied.

Williamstown.—Daniel Field.

Brookfield Mission.—Leonard Austin.

Rochester.—I. D. Rust.

Gaysville.—William Blake.

Pittsfield.—R. H. Kimball.

Northfield.—J. H. Patterson.

Middlesex.—O. M. Legate.

Morristown.—Peter Merrill.

Randolph.—C. N. Smith.

Bellevue.—Dyer Willis.

Rogton Mission.—Edmund Copeland.

Tandridge Mission.—A. C. Smith.

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VERMONT CENTRAL RAILROAD.—We understand that the Concord and Lowell Railroad interest are not as fast filling up. Investments in the Concord and Lowell must prove good, and its construction of course profitable to New England, and to Boston particularly. **Miss Frederika Bremer** is to leave Sweden in August for this country. Our male and female votaries of ink and ink will not neglect so good an opportunity of making themselves— we mean, of showing off the national cleverness. **John Norton**, seaman, fell from the main yard yard of the ship *Byron*, at Apalachicola, on the 12th inst., and was instantly killed. **Fire** was communicated, by a spark from a blast, to a keg of powder, in Hill's mines, at Pottsville, and the explosion followed, which, singularly enough, did not further damage that tightly to town two men who were standing between the two kegs. **June** is a great month in England for sheep-shearing, which is less than a rural festival in this country. **Italy.**—The ferment continues; the condemnation and activity of the police cannot prevent the allay of the people's foes, nor prevent the prevalence of seditious prophecies on the church and State. **The Fire works** will be exhibited, on the coming day, on the Common, front of the Charles Street Theatre, between the two hills. So the committee have the capstone of the spire of Trinity Church, New York, was raised to its place, on Tuesday afternoon; the weight of the spire is more than two hundred tons, and it was hoisted from the ground. Thousands of people attended to witness the completion of the spire. **Dead bodies** have been dug out of the ruins of the fire at Quebec. **There is now** a reasonable prospect of a continued drought from Greenfield, up the valley, to Hartford, and thence to the Hartford, Conn. **It runs** the jury in the case of Captain Flowe, the Spafford, recommended him to the mercy of the jury. How much mercy can justly be extended to a convicted slave-trader, we presume the court will determine. **Anna still bears** a charmed life. She has survived with his devoted wife and attendants, after being hanged for life. **Bustamante**, was taken from the same time. **Intelligence from Mexico** is considered by the Government as putting all the fortresses of the nation into a state of equipment. **Samuel Hobbs**, son of a baker at Brooklyn, N. Y., named with a pistol by another boy, the charge was dropped, and he is dangerously wounded. **Sam**, said one little urchin to another, "Sam, does your mother ever give you any rewards of your good deeds?" **There was** the rejoinder, "he gives me regular every day, and says I merit it." **Western Railroad** returns for last week showed an increase on passenger receipts, which increase has been back for \$4, in first class from Albany to New York. By this operation of special cars, or one third discount from their high fare systems. **Receipts** of last week were increased \$1500, more than the receipts of the week before. Without a falling off from last year would have been achieved by the Hartford Courant, that the Hartford, has accepted the call of the North on the 10th of July. **South**, with whom a traveller just returned from the South had interview, \$305 were from the South.

Notices.

EASTHAM CAMP-MEETING.
Session of Division Providence, the camp-meeting of the E. Eastham, will commence Wednesday, July 23rd, and continue until Friday, 25th. The meeting will be held especially for the benefit of Martha's Vineyard will endeavor to attend. **For particulars**, apply to the Rev. Mr. B. OTHMAN.

MAINE CONFERENCE.
For admission to full connection in the Maine Conference, the Committee of Examination are to meet on Tuesday, July 23rd, at 3 o'clock, A. M. at the Methodist meeting-house in Chester. **At 11, 11:34.** **CHARLES BAKER, Ch'n.**

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BIOGRAPHICAL.

Mr. CALES MAURY, died in Hallowell, Mass., May 16th, aged 62 years. In early life he embraced and advocated the doctrine of universal salvation. But about twenty-one years ago, while residing in Mendon, he was convinced of the error, under the labors of Rev. R. Radson, and gave his heart to God, and joined the M. E. Church. Mr. M. was a man of sound judgment, and discriminating mind; these, joined with consistent piety and an ardent love for the doctrine and usages of the church of his choice, qualified him successfully to defend them; which he did not fail to do on all proper occasions. For several years he held an exhorter's license, and frequently improved in public to the acceptance and gratification of his hearers. In his last sickness, he expressed the fullest confidence in the merits of a Savior, and rejoiced in that "hope, which is big with immortality." He has "finished his course, kept the faith," and we doubt not his happy spirit, disengaged from its earthly tenement, is now reaping the reward of the righteous in heaven. He has left a wife and seven children, whom, I trust, will hold his piety and virtues in everlasting remembrance. PAUL TOWNSEND.

West Bridgewater, June 23, 1845.

Mrs. DORCAS, wife of John Small, Jr., died in Raymond, Me., the 10th ultimo, aged 37 years, 7 months and 23 days. Sister Small was converted in 1834, under the labors of Rev. Isaac W. Moore. She, like too many others, neglected to bear the cross, and consequently lost the evidence of her acceptance with God. Still she lived an even life. Her last sickness was short and very distressing. On visiting her, I found her anxious to get well again, but more anxious to be prepared to die. She looked to Christ by an eye of faith and found the joy of salvation restored to her again. On being asked if she was willing to die, she replied, for the sake of my family I should like to live. But as death drew nigh, she became triumphantly happy, often saying, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," &c. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. Milliken, from Matt. v. 8: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." CYRUS PHENIX.

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FREELove Usher, consort of Daniel Usher, died in North Coventry, Conn., on the 7th inst., aged 52 years and 9 months. Sister U. had for some years been a worthy member of the M. E. Church. Her exemplary life shed forth a bright and cheering lustre on her Christian profession. Her last illness, which was painful and protracted, was borne with that fortitude and patience which the grace of God alone can impart. Her end was not only peaceful, but triumphant and glorious. Her answers to the interrogations of her family and friends, with regard to her future prospects, were of the most satisfactory kind. A short time before her departure, she sang, in heavenly strains, "What is this that steals upon my frame," &c.

She has left behind her a husband and eighteen children, several of whom, we trust, are partakers of the "grace of life." May they all meet her where parting is no more. RICHARD DONKESLEY.

Bolton, Conn., June 19, 1845.

Mrs. SARAH DRODY, died in Falmouth, Mass., May 13, in the 87th year of her age. Sister D. experienced religion nearly 70 years ago in Yarmouth, and united with the Baptist Church, in which she remained about 30 years, when she joined the M. E. Church. During the last twenty years of her life she was the subject of great bodily suffering, which she "endured as seeing Him who is invisible." She died in faith, having "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and we doubt not, is enjoying the rest that remaineth for the people of God. BENJAMIN L. SATYR.

Falmouth, June 17, 1845.

SISTER ABIGAIL, widow of Ezekiel Robinson, died of typhus fever in Poplin, N. H., May 7, aged 81. She united with the M. E. Church 38 years since. She possessed a sound judgment, an even temper, to which was added deep, constant and fervent piety, which rendered her one of the very best of mothers, kindest of friends, and an ornament to society. Her life was like a rising light, increasing in brilliancy to the end. Her last sickness continued four weeks, at times very distressing, all of which she bore with the utmost fortitude and patience; and when the last struggle came she was ready, and like a seraph, clasped her glad wings, and fled away to her everlasting rest. LOREN H. GORDON.

Poplin, N. H., June 17, 1845.

Mrs. ELIZA ANN, wife of William Rolf, Jr., and youngest daughter of the writer, died in Raymond, Me., April 26, of dropsy, aged 24. She indulged a hope in Christ about five years since, and joined the first Methodist class in Raymond. She lived a consistent Christian, she died in hope of a glorious resurrection and a happy immortality. She had not so much to say in public as some, but none who were acquainted with her in the private and domestic circle, doubted the genuineness of her piety. A discourse was delivered on the occasion of her death, founded on Rev. xiv. 13, "Blessed are the dead," &c., by Cyrus Phenix. SAMUEL FILES.

CORNELIA ANN BOURNE, only surviving child of widow Ann Bourne of this town, died of pulmonary consumption on the 18th inst., aged 16 years. In life she was uncommonly amiable, and greatly beloved; in death deeply lamented. She has left good evidence that her neck and quiet spirit, which forbore to murmur or complain during a protracted and distressing sickness, now rests in heaven. An interesting group of young ladies, her late associates and school-mates from the academy here, who attended in a body, and walked in procession to the place of burial, added much to the interest and solemnity of the funeral occasion. H. VINCENT.

Falmouth, Mass., June 21, 1845.

GEORGE ALONZO, eldest son of Reuben and Sally Loomis, died in Hopkinton, Aug. 23, aged 17 years. He was a young man of promise, amiable in his disposition, correct in his morals, beloved and respected by all who knew him. He not only experienced religion, but we trust he lived it. This promising youth was cut down as a flower; the Lord by a mysterious providence changed his countenance, and has taken him to himself. Br. George was a member of the class, and was about to unite with the M. E. Church, had he not been summoned away to the eternal world. He endured a severe sickness with patience, and resigna-

tion worthy of a Christian character. He met the last enemy without fear, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, leaving beloved parents, brothers, sisters, and intimate friends to mourn his loss, who by and by, if faithful, will join him in Christ's church above, no more to separate. E. T. H.

June 20, 1845.

FIDELIA M., wife of Elaid Chapin and daughter of John Winchester, Esq., died at South Coventry, May 26th, of consumption, with bright hopes of immortality and eternal life.

"Her quiet, unmovable breast,
Is heaved by affliction no more."

COME HITHER, BRIGHT BIRD.

BY H. F. GOULD.

Come hither, bright bird, from thy wild native bow,
While high on the hill-top the sun rises clear,
Come, sing a sweet song to the new opened flower,
And drink off the dew-drop; it looks like a tear.

It cannot be true, that so stainless and young,
The heart of my flower has been clouded by grief;
I would not then see on it outwardly hung
The semblance of sorrow to burden a leaf.

Be quick! for it has but a morning to live
So fresh in its odor, its beauty so fair,
To pay for thy music, for then it will give
The first spring breathing it throws upon air.

Make haste, little vagrant! 'tis waiting for thee,
Its perfume to take on thy delicate plume,
Come, say, if a brighter or sweeter can be
Conceded in thy desert home, lonely to bloom.

It has not yet looked in the stream of the fount
To see how itself to another may shine,
It has not been taught its attractions to count,
A study too sure to have been their decline!

For well do I know in this light world of ours,
Where loveliness withers, and beauty is vain,
It chances too oft with the fairest of flowers,
That after the mirror, few charms will remain.

Of praising her then, pretty minstrel, beware,
While fitting delighted around my young flower,
If told for but once, she is winning and rare,
'Twill follow too soon she is simple and frail!

Yet, come, and thy rapture in melody pour,
While with her mate, fresh earth and grasses brought,
But let her believe thou hast left many a flower,
Her rivals, that bloom in the far away bowers!

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At 9 o'clock, as is the custom, all the General's family—except the few who take their turn to watch by his side—took their leave of him. Each of the family approached him, received his blessing, bid him farewell, kissed him as it would seem an eternal good night—for he would say my work is done for life. After his family retires it is touching to witness this heroic man who has faced every danger with unyielding front, offer up his prayers for those whom Providence has committed to his care, that Heaven would protect and prosper them when he is no more; praying still more fervently to God for the preservation of his country, of the Union, and the people of the United States from all foreign influence and invasion—tendering his forgiveness to his enemies, and his gratitude to God for his support and success through a long life, and for the hope of eternal salvation through the merits of our blessed Redeemer.